

Lanesboro Public Utilities

Council Chambers

January 17, 2012

Member(s) Present: Evenson, O'Connor & Schuck

Absent:

Visitors: Jim Peterson, Jerod Wagner and Bobbie Vickerman

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evenson. The agenda was approved with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried. The minutes of the regular meeting, December 19, 2011 and the special meeting, January 3, 2012, were approved with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

N/A

HOUSEKEEPING:

Paying of the Bills: O'Connor made a motion to pay bills as presented and any ordinary bills that come up during the month, second Schuck, motion carried.

Past Due Accounts: Commission reviewed the past due accounts.

Tri-County Priorities: Vickerman noted that Krambeer had invited Peterson, Wagner and herself to a meet the staff event to which would give the opportunity to sit down and discuss priorities for the new contract. Vickerman noted that all municipalities are invited to the February 15th meeting. She noted that we need to outline what our priorities are. It was noted that education to the public, other services that can be provided, smart meter program, energy conservation, load control, time of day rates, spraying and tree trimming, pole testing, power cost adjustment and a rate study were the ideas that the commission would like the staff to discuss with Tri-County.

Capital Plan: Vickerman noted that we have made some adjustments to the capital plan in regards to timing of projects. She provided a revised plan in the packets. She noted that we need to continually update this plan as we move forward. The Highway 16 project was discussed and Vickerman was asked to contact Dillon from Yaggy Colby so that we may obtain better estimates and a break down of a project that would work with the state

UMMPA Update: Wagner reported that UMMPA met last Wednesday the 11th of January and as Wagner planned to be stepping off the board and removing himself from UMMPA it was suggested to create a membership for Lanesboro so that we could continue to be part of the UMMPA group. Wagner noted he would keep the commission informed on whether a membership is available, noting that the membership has helped us so much these past few years.

Water – Department of Health update - PFA: Wagner noted that a representative from Rural Water will be here on the 18th of January to discuss Radium issue.

Pick Up with Tommy Gate: Peterson noted that the truck has 33,800 miles at this time noting that it has been 7 years and it would be a good time to trade or for the PU to have the truck forever. The Commission asked Peterson to seek out bids for a new truck with the cost of a tommy gate included.

Computer: Peterson noted that the computer at the Light Plant is not working properly and with all of the online reporting, he and Jerod need a better operating system. Evenson made a motion for the staff to purchase a new computer, second Schuck, motion carried.

5 Year Budget: Vickerman noted that she and the staff need to sit down and discuss the 5 year operating budget. She was hoping to have the budget by the next meeting.

Golf Course, monthly bill in winter?: Vickerman noted that the treasurer for the golf course had questioned why he was receiving bills during the winter since they hadn't in the past, she was asking the Commission to verify the fact that all properties should receive a bill during winter even if they are out of operation. The commission members noted that all properties receive a monthly bill regardless. Vickerman noted that the member was just asking so that he may report back to his board.

MMUA Conference February 8, 9 and 10: Vickerman asked for approval to attend the conference as discussed at the last meeting. O'Connor made a motion to have Vickerman attend the conference and to pay expenses associated with the conference, second Shuck, motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The meeting stood adjourned at 1:45pm with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk